

RAILROADS ARE EXPECTING TO HAVE A STRIKE

Presidents and Operating Officials Went into Conference in Chicago To-day to Formulate Plans for Operating Trains in the Event of a Strike

ONE PASSENGER TRAIN A DAY FOR EACH

Preference Will Be Given on All Lines for Milk Trains—Optimism Felt in Washington Is Not Shared by Railroad Heads and Other Officials

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The presidents and operating officials of the railroads of the country were in conference to-day for the purpose of formulating plans to operate the trains in the event that a strike of four brotherhoods takes place Monday. Virtually none of the railroad heads shared in the optimism expressed in some quarters at Washington that the passage of an eight-hour bill by Congress would avert a strike.

CENTRAL VERMONT IS NOT A PARTY TO NEGOTIATIONS

Pres. E. C. Smith Notified Association of Railroad Presidents That He Will Not Act in Connection with Them.

Burlington, Aug. 31.—The Central Vermont railway in the event of a strike will treat with its men independently, no high official of the road said last night. President Edward C. Smith has notified the Association of Railroad Presidents that he will not act in concert with them. In so doing he has not been alone. Several presidents of the smaller railroads, east and west, have done the same.

The men themselves, this same official said, have not voted with their fellows on the big four brotherhoods to go on strike. Like thousands of employees of the Pennsylvania and one or two smaller systems, they have taken no positive action. So far as known they have kept out of it as far as possible.

There are at present about 100 conductors, 200 brakemen, including trainmen, 100 firemen, 100 engineers and 50 yardmen who would be affected in case they joined in a general country-wide strike. The Central Vermont is short-handed at present.

"The relations which exist between the railroad officials and the men at the present time we consider very friendly," said the official in question. The men had never struck, he added, and they were receiving standard pay, the same wages as prevailed on the big railroads. The Central Vermont, said the official, was in a peculiar position because of its affiliated ownership with the Grand Trunk. The latter, along with the Canadian Pacific and the other Canadian roads, is in little danger of a strike until after the war, although they all belong to the international brotherhoods. The latter network the whole continent and ordinarily Canada would be as much involved as the United States in case of a general strike.

The Canadian members of the four brotherhoods, however, the C. V. official declares, have as much as promised not to strike while the great war is in progress. Simply from patriotic motives and from a realization of the extent to which the mother country depends upon Canada for supplies the men have said they would remain loyal.

A report to the effect that the employees of the Central Vermont are not affiliated with the big four is untrue. The report said that the local lodges of both railroads are affiliated but there is no cast iron rule against their refusing to abide by a general strike order of the leaders of the big four.

RAILROADS RUSH EMBARGO ORDERS

Some Have Already Refused to Take Shipments of Livestock and Perishables—Even Passengers are Warned They May Be Delayed.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—The railroads of the nation rushed preparations to-day to enforce an embargo on perishable freight. Shipments of livestock and perishables were refused on some roads to-day. Others issued a warning that perishables which cannot reach their destination by Saturday cannot be accepted.

Associated Press dispatches from all parts of the country indicated that within 48 hours, unless a delay in the strike is ordered, embargo orders will be effective on virtually every railroad. From Chicago, the railroad center of the country, or-

ders were flashed to ticket agents to inform passengers that unless they reach their destination by Sunday night they may be subjected to perplexing delays.

CONDUCTORS' UNION IS ENJOINED FROM GOING ON STRIKE

Judge in Omaha Court Issued Order on Petition of a Member of the Union Who Declares He Wants to Continue at Work.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 30.—Judge Willis E. Sears of the district court of Douglas county to-day issued an order restraining the local officials of the Order of Railway Conductors from calling or enforcing a strike on the lines of the Union Pacific railroad. The order was issued on the petition of Edwin Hamilton, a conductor on the Union Pacific line and a member of the order, who declares that he and many other employees of the road desire to continue at work.

PENNSYLVANIA HAS MOST VETERANS

Report Submitted To-day Shows That Keystone State Has Slightly More Ahead of New York—Vermont Has 1,725 Veterans.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—Pennsylvania has passed New York in the number of members in the Grand Army of the Republic. Reports made at the annual business session of the order to-day show that Pennsylvania veterans now total 15,800, while New York is second with 15,576. Ohio ranks third with 15,045.

The total membership was shown by the reports as 149,074. The loss in membership during the year was given as 10,808 and the present number of posts was placed at 5,342, a total of 110 having passed out of existence in the last 12 months.

The figures compiled by John M. Adams of Cincinnati, adjutant general of the organization, showing the membership for the various departments are as follows:

Alabama, 80; Arizona, 102; Arkansas, 331; California and Nevada, 5,556; Colorado and Wyoming, 1,774; Connecticut, 2,181; Delaware, 358; Illinois, 11,101; Indiana, 8,967; Iowa, 7,903; Kansas, 7,788; Florida, 691; Georgia and South Carolina, 176; Idaho, 403; Kentucky, 912; Louisiana and Mississippi, 509; Maine, 2,082; Maryland, 1,257; Massachusetts, 9,986; Michigan, 6,955; Minnesota, 2,907; Missouri, 4,287; Montana, 319; Nebraska, 3,132; New Hampshire, 1,463; New Jersey, 2,665; New Mexico, 117; New York, 15,576; North Dakota, 237; Ohio, 15,045; Oklahoma, 1,414; Oregon, 1,842; Pennsylvania, 15,800; Potomac, 1,239; Rhode Island, 960; South Dakota, 785; Tennessee, 820; Texas, 324; Utah, 235; Virginia, 1,725; West Virginia and North Carolina, 380; Washington and Alaska, 2,714; West Virginia, 955; Wisconsin, 4,908.

K. OF P. OFFICERS

C. M. Willey of Barre Was Elected Grand Chancellor.

Bellows Falls, Aug. 31.—The 28th annual convention of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias was held here yesterday. The 35 lodges of the state were represented. Reports of the officers showed a splendid increase in membership during the year and that the financial condition of the order is satisfactory.

These officers were elected: C. M. Willey of Barre, G. C. Eugene J. Berry of Essex Junction, G. V. C.; A. L. Guild of Lyndonville, G. P.; Frank E. Robinson of Barre, G. K. R.; George D. French of Bellows Falls, G. M. E.; W. F. Morong of Island Pond, G. M. A.; R. S. Younger of Johnson, G. L. G.; J. G. Hoyt of St. Albans, G. O. G.; L. F. Gilbert of Rutland, G. F.; and George W. Burdett of Bellows Falls, G. T. F. A. Whitaker of Bellows Falls, G. C. C.

The annual convention of the grand temple of Pythian Sisters was held in Odd Fellows' hall. Fifteen of the 17 temples were represented. Grand Chief Maude Howison of Hardwick presided and during the session was presented a bouquet of roses by the sisters of the temple. All the grand officers were present. Reports showed a flourishing condition in all departments, the order being especially strong in its altruistic work.

These officers were elected: Jessie Farrar of Hardwick, G. C.; Lillian Zottman of Montpelier, G. S. C.; Emma Brainerd of Bellows Falls, G. J. C.; Maude Derrick of St. Albans, G. E.; Rachel Sumner of Montpelier, G. K. R. C.; Maude Hunt of Troy, G. P.; Maude Pierce of Hardwick, G. G.

DEATH OF PLAINFIELD GIRL

Miss Maud Townsend Died of Infantile Paralysis at Jersey City.

Word was received in Barre and Plainfield to-day of the death at a hospital in Jersey City, N. J., of Miss Maud Townsend, a well known Plainfield young woman, from infantile paralysis. Death occurred last evening, the young lady having been taken sick a week or 10 days ago while she was employed in a summer hotel in Asbury Park, N. J. She was promptly removed to the hospital in Jersey City, where she continued to decline rapidly. The remains are to be brought to Plainfield early Thursday morning.

Miss Townsend was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townsend, and she also leaves a sister, Miss Minnie Townsend. Mrs. Frank Townsend of Barre Town is an aunt of the young woman. In Plainfield, where the young woman was born and received her education, she was very popular. She went to Asbury Park early in the summer to be employed in a hotel.

BULGARIANS LOST 15,000 IN BIG CHECK

Serbian on the Left Flank of the Entente Allies in the Balkans Inflicted a Severe Reverse When Bulgarians Attacked in Close Formation

SERBIANS MASTERS OF THE SITUATION

Gornichevo Battle Is Called by the Bulgarians Another Verdun—Greece Is Expected to Break Over Her Neutrality Within a Period of 48 Hours

London, Aug. 31.—Fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian front, says an Athens dispatch to the Wireless Press, which adds that Bulgarian regiments have suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the entente left flank and that the Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000. The Bulgarian regiments, say the dispatch, attacked the Serbians in a close formation after the German style near Loranovitz and suffered severely. They were compelled to ask for reinforcements.

The Serbians appear to be master of the situation at Gornichevo, says the Athens correspondent, and the Bulgarian officers of Rumania origin were deserted. The Bulgarians called Gornichevo another Verdun.

GERMANS EJECTED AFTER WINNING RUSH IN FRENCH TRENCHES

They Had Penetrated Line in Parroy Forest, in Lorraine, When French Recovered and Drove Them Back

Paris, Aug. 31.—The German troops penetrated the French trenches in Parroy forest in Lorraine last night, but were immediately ejected by counter attacks, says to-day's war office announcement.

GREECE ENTERTAINS ALLIES' MINISTERS IN CONFERENCE

Rapid Developments in Diplomatic Situation are Said to Presage Early Entrance of That Nation Into the War.

Athens, via London, Aug. 31.—Rapid developments in the diplomatic situation to-day made it appear that within 48 hours Greece will have abandoned neutrality in the war. King Constantine will receive the French minister Thursday and the Russian and British ministers shortly afterwards. All staff officers on leave have been recalled for active service.

KING MAY HAVE FLED.

Is the Sensation Which is Stirring People in Greece.

London, Aug. 31.—The British press representative at Saloniki, Ward Price, sends a report which is current there that King Constantine of Greece has fled to Larissa, in Thessaly, to take refuge with a guard of 300 Uhlans. The text of the official message which is dated Tuesday, reads:

"This evening's sensation is that King Constantine has fled from Athens to Larissa, who have been awaiting him several days at Larissa."

"Another report is that the allies have already landed a strong force at Piraeus, which has been heavily engaged with the Greek army in battle around the king's country house at Tatoi, where several Greek princes have already fallen. Perhaps to-morrow will bring more light upon the situation, which is extraordinarily involved even for the Balkans."

ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

On Struma and Doiran Fronts, Says London Official Announcement.

London, Aug. 31.—Except for artillery activity there were no developments on our Struma or Doiran fronts, says the official announcement in regard to the Macedonian campaign.

GERMANY DISAVOWS UNFRIENDLY INTENT IN FIRING ON OWEKO

Note Received by State Department of Facts Regarding Attack on American Steamer and Statement Expected to Close the Case.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Germany, in a note received at the state department to-day, practically disavows any unfriendly intention in the submarine attacks on the American steamer, Owego, several weeks ago and submits a statement of fact which is expected to close the case. The Owego was fired upon in the fog but was not injured.

FAIRBANKS ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION WITH PLEASURE

Declares It Is an Honor Which Any Patriotic American Might Covet and He Pledged Serious Service During Campaign.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 31.—Accepting the nomination for the vice-presidency of the United States, on the Republican ticket, Charles Warren Fairbanks to-day said in part:

"I am deeply sensible of the high honor of the commission which you bring me. To be chosen as the candidate of the Republican party for the vice-presidency of the United States is a distinction which any patriotic American may well covet. I accept the nomination and pledge you my utmost service during the campaign. If the people ratify the choice of the convention I shall consecrate my best efforts to the discharge of my official functions. As you are aware, this is a call which was unsolicited by me; that fact intensifies my sense of duty to those in behalf of whom you speak."

"The platform adopted by the Chicago convention has my hearty approval. Carried into the public administration and written into the statutes it will insure industrial and national prosperity during the years of our ascendancy."

"This is an hour when we must put our faith in the best. We should have nothing about us of the best political party in the management of the vast and complicated mechanism of our government."

"We have before us for our judgment the platforms of the political parties which are appealing for the popular suffrage. The Democratic party has established an unchallenged reputation for the reputation of its platform utterances at its will. We never know what it will keep or what it will reject when it comes to power."

"Political parties have individualities by which we may easily identify them. We readily recognize the Republican party by its long and successful conduct of the public business—its efficient administration of our political concerns. It has been a pledge-making and a pledge-redeeming party. To keep faith with the people has been its supreme desire."

"One of the greatest problems which presents itself for our solution goes to the very root of our national prosperity and to the contentment of millions of our countrymen. We may take counsel of our friends who are engaged in the great war. Although the hour of peace is beyond their vision, they are already planning with reference to their industrial affairs when they leave the trenches. We have given much thought to military invasion. We should prepare for commercial invasion which would paralyze American industry and blight our happiness."

78 CASES FOR TRIAL

When September Term of Washington County Court Convenes.

There are 78 cases set for jury trial at the September term of Washington county court which opens in Montpelier Tuesday, Sept. 12, with Judge Fish presiding, and 44 cases on the court calendar. Arrangements have been made, however, for the primary, to have court formally opened on the regular day but the jury will not be asked to report until Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Following is the list of jury cases: A. H. and L. H. Lippincott vs. A. Malnati & Co., general assumpsit; Worcester Cigar Co. vs. Antonio Romanis, apt. case; Union Meeting House society vs. A. F. Davis, trespass; Brackett-Shaw-Lunt Co. vs. Luke Tabbell, trespass; and Paulina Orselli vs. Mary and Charles Zanoni, apt. general assumpsit; Frank H. Nichols vs. G. M. Emerson, general assumpsit; Hattie M. Gordon vs. Peter Badort, trespass; Bernice Wilkins vs. Joseph John, trespass; Beatrice J. Tracy vs. Forest Tibbatts, trespass; Irvin J. Boyce vs. Fred A. Millan, case; Henry W. Knight vs. Arthur W. Mayne Neil et al., general assumpsit; Nellie H. Morse, ex. vs. John Healy, general assumpsit.

Second day, Thursday, Sept. 14. H. Morse, ex. vs. Dorwin W. Cooley, Nellie H. Morse, ex. vs. Fred A. Jewett, general assumpsit; Arthur Barber vs. George A. Aaron, case; Harry H. Martin vs. George I. LaBarre, trespass; John L. Spaulding, adm. et al. vs. Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, assumpsit; Elroy F. Leavitt vs. H. Blanch Perrin and Lamotte Savings bank, Montpelier, Savings bank, Capital Savings bank, Granite Savings bank, Barre Savings bank, general assumpsit; Simon Swerdiger vs. Edgar Taft, supercedes; Frank J. George vs. Aia MacAulough, general assumpsit; G. R. Bianchi Granite Co. vs. Murley and Carroll, apts.; Helen M. Brown vs. W. E. Jackson and J. R. Fitzgerald, Alice P. Lazelle and Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., general assumpsit.

Third day, Friday, Sept. 15. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Fourth day, Saturday, Sept. 16. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Fifth day, Sunday, Sept. 17. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Sixth day, Monday, Sept. 18. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Seventh day, Tuesday, Sept. 19. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Eighth day, Wednesday, Sept. 20. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Ninth day, Thursday, Sept. 21. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

Tenth day, Friday, Sept. 22. Henrietta Gazoni vs. Robert Colombo and Luigi Colombo, trespass; Charles H. May vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., case; H. F. Cutler vs. Elizabeth W. Hebard et al., general assumpsit; Antonio Ghiliani vs. Pietro Catelli, general assumpsit; A. McIntosh & Co. vs. R. C. Bowser Granite Co., general assumpsit; in re estate of George W. Morse, Nellie H. Morse, executrix, apt. appeal from commissioners; Roberto Garcia vs. Louis Canales, trespass; Gasparello Bros. vs. John Rosen, general assumpsit; Henry Russ vs. Michael Good, trespass; Clarence E. Foley vs. Evelyn Wales, general assumpsit; Charles Bianchi & Sons vs. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Co., case; E. D. Bartlett et al. vs. Antonio Bonazzi, deceit.

VERMONTERS BACK IN CAMP

Trip of Troops to Eagle Pass Abandoned Because of Threatened Strike

RAILROADS COULD NOT GUARANTEE ARRIVAL

Detachment Had Reached Brattleboro When Ordered to Return

Burlington, Aug. 31.—The 300 Vermont National Guardsmen who left the state mobilization camp near Fort Ethan Allen yesterday afternoon to join the regiment of Vermont troops at Eagle Pass, Texas, returned to Camp Gates to-day, having abandoned the trip because, according to an officer, the railroad could not guarantee their arrival at the border before the time set for the railroad strike. The troops had reached Brattleboro, when orders came to return to camp.

15,000 TROOPS ARE ORDERED HOME

Vermont Soldiers Now on the Mexican Border Are Not Included in the Sudden Reversal by the War Department.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Orders for the return to their state mobilization camps of 15,000 national guardsmen now on the Mexican border were issued last night by the war department. General Funston was directed to return three regiments from New York, two from New Jersey, two from Illinois, two from Missouri and one each from California, Oregon, Washington and Louisiana.

Secretary Baker announced the order after a conference with President Wilson at the White House. Earlier in the day, the department had ordered to their home stations 6,000 regular coast artillerymen who have been serving as infantry on the border.

The secretary in a statement last night said that in a few days, if transportation facilities remain undisturbed, the department intends to order home more regiments.

Regiments to be sent home were not designated by number, and it is understood that their selection is left to General Funston.

The policy now is to give all of the state troops called into the federal service opportunity to see service on war footing along the international line.

Withdrawal of General Pershing's expedition in Mexico, which is expected to follow soon after the meeting of the Mexican-American joint commission at Portsmouth, N. H., probably will lead to the early return home of all the guardsmen.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 31.—The first movement of national guardsmen designated to return to their state mobilization camps from the border may take place within the next 18 hours, General Funston said last night, after he had received orders from the war department.

It is expected that the movement northward will be well under way by Friday or Saturday.

SOLDIER'S BODY ARRIVES.

Private Henry Lawton Died at Eagle Pass Camp.

St. Albans, Aug. 31.—The remains of Private Henry Lawton of Co. B, V. N. G., who died at the post hospital at Eagle Pass, Tex., last Saturday, reached here last evening on train No. 3, due at 8 o'clock. Although it was two hours late, the crowd that thronged the station waited till its arrival. Chaplain John M. Thomas of Middlebury accompanied the remains here, and also Privates Floyd H. Richards of Walnut street and George W. Porter of Lacombe, N. H., members of Co. B, who recently received their discharges. Mr. Lawton's father, John Lawton, met the body in Burlington.

At the station were members of the three fraternal orders to which the deceased guardsman belonged, the Eagles, Foresters and Masons and members of the Stranahan club, also members of A. R. Hurlbut post, No. 60, G. A. B.

FOR ANCILLARY RECEIVER

Petition Presented in United States District Court at Montpelier.

Application for the appointment of a temporary ancillary receiver of Boston & Maine railroad properties in Vermont was made last night before Judge Harold B. Howe, in the United States district court in proceedings brought by the International Rubber Co. against the Boston & Maine.

The judge indicated that he would appoint James H. Hustis of Winchester, Mass. His bond to be \$50,000.

The Brattleboro Trust Co. and James M. Tyler, holders of Boston & Maine securities, asked leave to intervene and file a petition for the appointment of a receiver domiciled in Vermont. This question was not decided.

Edward H. Deavitt of Montpelier appeared for the petitioners, John G. Sarant for the Boston & Maine and Harold D. Whitney for the Brattleboro Trust Co.

At the same hearing a receiver was asked for the Vermont Valley railroad, the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. being named defendant in the case. Judge Howe will appoint Mr. Hustis. A receiver was also asked for this road by Mr. Whitney.

PROPOSE TO BUY RAILS FOR STREET CAR LINE

Because Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. Has Persistently Refused to Make the Purchase in Order to Permit Laying of Permanent Street.

In the face of a refusal on the part of the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. to assume its legal share of the expense incident to building permanent highways on Washington and S. Main streets, the aldermanic street committee went to the city council in special session last night for authority to buy the type of car rails that must be used wherever paving or cement highway is introduced. By a margin of one vote the committee obtained the necessary sanction. Opponents to the proposal based their objection on the ground that the railway is legally bound by its franchise to furnish the rails and that the finances of the city will not permit the additional expenditure.

On the roll call Mayor Gordon and Aldermen Glysson, Healy and Bruce voted in favor of authorization and they were opposed by Aldermen Shurtliff, Reynolds and Rossi.

Chairman Glysson, reporting for the street committee, stated that the traction people had repeatedly refused to abide by the franchise in the extent of buying the rails and that the committee had discovered a place where rails may be purchased, even though steel rails are a scarcity at this time. It was represented that the rails needed, if permanent highways are to be built on Washington and South Main streets, must be nine inches high and weigh 106 pounds to the yard. They are of the type known as girder rails, which are heavier and higher than the traction rails used in gravel roadbed. The committee strongly recommended the purchase for the reason that the scarcity of rails may continue indefinitely. Moreover, it was intimated that the cement highway on Washington street may be put in this fall.

Opposition to the report was grounded in the belief on the part of Aldermen Shurtliff, Reynolds and Rossi that the street department finances are at an unusually low ebb, with four months of the fiscal year remaining. The claim was made that all of the \$10,000 appropriated for streets in the yearly budget has been expended, in addition to an extra appropriation of \$3,000 for a street department motor truck. The opposition figured that the rails will mean an extra expenditure of \$7,500 over and above the \$47,000 appropriated by the city for the South Main street projects and the state aid money, council appropriation of others' portion of the money needed to finish the Washington street highway. The sum of \$7,500 expended for rails, it was said, represented money which the traction company should pay instead of the city, unless it chooses to abrogate the franchise granted when the road was established.

Stress was laid on the delays already encountered in bringing plans for the two proposed highways to a head and the street committee went on record as favoring any move that would hasten the day when two much discussed projects are completed.

Before adjournment came, the council played a hammer tattoo on the Tenney company for alleged dereliction in the matter of furnishing adequate street lights. It was asserted that the company officials are notoriously careless in the matter of replacing incandescent lamps that have outlived their usefulness and by way of showing the illumination people that they mean business in the matter of enforcing their contract with the house of Tenney, the councilmen voted to levy a charge of \$7 for the absence of illumination at the farther end of Beckley street. At the rate of \$1 per night for every night that inhabitants in that section were without a street light, it was decided to subtract \$7 from the next lighting bill.

Previous to the council meeting the aldermanic finance committee came together to pass on a number of bills rendered since last week. While the committee members were at work it was stated that warrants necessary to cancel outstanding bills in the street department would exhaust the appropriation for the year.

REFUSING LIVESTOCK SHIPMENTS

Barre Agent of Montpelier & Wells River Road Gets Order.

Shipments of livestock and perishable goods were practically at a standstill in the Montpelier & Wells River freight yard to-day in consequence of an order received at the freight station Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The order, in effect, inhibits the local freight agent from accepting for shipment any freight of the class mentioned in the foregoing that cannot reach its destination before Monday morning. There is very little incoming freight of this sort and to-day the freight agent was notified that shipments of perishable goods consigned to Barre must not be accepted here. "Dead" freight is accepted for shipment, although there will be a congestion of freight of this kind if there is a railroad strike Monday.

To-morrow is shipping day for local buyers who weekly consign cattle and swine to the Bright's market. But the order received yesterday will act as an estoppel on shipments of this character and buyers to-day were not making the usual preparations for a big volume of Friday morning business in the Montpelier & Wells River freight yard. Attaches at the Barre freight station say that the Boston & Maine embargo is on tight. Such a well-known commodity as beer cannot be received and the bid on shipments of butter, eggs and the like is not likely to be lifted for some days.

Less apprehension is felt in Central Vermont freight circles, as it has been intimated that Central Vermont trainmen will not participate in the strike. Trains on the Canadian Grand Trunk lines will be operated as usual and a strike probably would not affect the freight and passenger schedules of the Central Vermont railroad. But with an embargo at the southern end of the line and an always effective embargo on at the Canadian border, the effect of having one road in Vermont that is not disturbed by a strike would be partially nullified.

GALA TIME IN WILLIAMSTOWN

A Fine Celebration of Old Home Week Is Attracting a Large Crowd

BEAUTIFUL PARADE ON OPENING DAY

Reception Last Evening Was Attended by Many People

Williamstown, Aug. 31.—The first of the two big days of Williamstown's Old Home week celebration opened conspicuously yesterday morning, the weather man kindly postponing his promised showers till late in the afternoon and donating the finest of weather for the parade which was the opening event. By ten o'clock bunting and the glad hand were well in evidence on the streets and when the parade started around 11 o'clock a goodly crowd of onlookers, visitors and residents, was on hand. Nor were they disappointed, for, headed by Marshal Percy Jeffords of the Williamstown band, a fine aggregation of floats, riders, decorated automobiles, teams, etc., marched through the village.